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TO AMEMBASSY YAOUNDE

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SUBJECT: ROBBERY OF CAMEROONIAN FOREIGN MINISTER

REF: YAOUNDE 3652 AND PREVIOUS

1. DEPARTMENT HAD HOPED THAT OUR CONTACTS WITH CAMEROONI-
AN MISSIONS IN NEW YORK AND WASHINGTON WOULD TERMINATE
KEUTCHA'S PURSUIT OF EX-GRATIA PAYMENT. UNFORTUNATELY,
THERE IS NO POSSIBILITY OF ACCOMMODATING HIM ON THIS
MATTER.

2. IF HE BROACHES SUBJECT AGAIN, AMBASSADOR MAY SAY THAT
WE HAVE STUDIED PROBLEM SYMPATHETICALLY AND AT SOME LENGTH,
BUT HAVE CONCLUDED THAT NO FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE FOR
MAKING PAYMENT IN SITUATION OF THIS NATURE. PROBLEM HAS
BEEN TREATED WITH SERIOUS CONCERN AT HIGH LEVELS OF DE-
PARTMENT -- AS EVIDENCED, FOR EXAMPLE, BY OUR REPEATED
PHONE CALLS TO NYPD TO URGE BEST EFFORTS IN RESOLVING
CASE. BEYOND THAT, HOWEVER, DEPARTMENT CAN ONLY OFFER ITS
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SYMPATHY.

3. FYI - EMERGENCY FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE FOR EX-GRATIA PAYMENTS IN CERTAIN VERY EXCEPTIONAL CASES (E.G. CASES IN WHICH USG MAY SHARE RESPONSIBILITY FOR FINANCIAL LOSS), BUT

SUCH PAYMENT CLEARLY NOT JUSTIFIED FOR KEUTCHA UNDER PRESENT GUIDELINES. MOREOVER DEPARTMENT DOUBTS IT WOULD SERVE TO PROMOTE SOUND RELATIONS WITH GURC OVER LONG TERM AND HAS SERIOUS MISGIVINGS ABOUT PRECEDENT IT WOULD SET - END FYI.

4. DEPARTMENT RECOGNIZES POSSIBILITY THAT PERSONAL PIQUE ON PART OF KEUTCHA MAY CAUSE DIFFICULTIES IN OUR RELATIONS OVER THE SHORT TERM. WE HOPE AND EXPECT, HOWEVER, THAT REASON WILL EVENTUALLY PREVAIL IN OUR LONG TERM RELATIONS. AGREE THAT WE SHOULD AVOID GIVING FALSE IMPRESSION

OF INSENSITIVITY CONCERNING KEUTCHA'S MISFORTUNE, AND WOULD WELCOME ANY SUGGESTIONS AMBASSADOR MAY HAVE ON THIS POINT. PREPARED TO CONSIDER SYMPATHETIC LETTER FROM DEPARTMENT IF AMBASSADOR THINKS THAT WOULD BE HELPFUL. KISSINGER

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